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For SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:

2. A method of controlling a transmitter station including:

programming a computer to select and control the communication of mass

medium programming materials based on/a schedule;

inputting to said computer a schedule that specifies a unit of mass medium

programming and includes one of the group:

(a) a time to transmit said unit of mass medium programming

to a remote station; and